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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and has the honor to inform that the U.S. National Group to the Permanent Court of Arbitration intends to nominate Professor Sarah Cleveland of the United States for election to the International Court of Justice to be held in the Fall of 2023 in New York. **The Government of the United States strongly endorses the candidature of Professor Sarah Cleveland.**

The United States attaches great importance to the work and contributions of the International Court of Justice. As the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, the International Court of Justice plays a vital role in the peaceful settlement of disputes and promotion of the rule of law. U.S. support for the candidature of Professor Cleveland is a demonstration of the U.S. commitment to this essential institution.

Professor Cleveland is a leading scholar of international law, with both superlative academic achievements and extensive multilateral and governmental experience. Professor Cleveland possesses the knowledge, experience, integrity, commitment to the rule of law, and vision to help guide the Court in its important work, including the peaceful settlement of disputes, promotion of the rule of law, and the maintenance of international peace and security.

Professor Cleveland has had a long and distinguished career as a Professor of Law at Columbia University School of Law, along with positions as a visiting professor to universities in France, Italy, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. She was elected to the UN Human Rights Committee, where she served as Vice Chair. She also served as the U.S. observer member and member on the European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe. She has also served as the Counselor on International

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DIPLOMATIC NOTE

Law in the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Legal Adviser and was the Co- Coordinating Reporter of the American Law Institute's *Restatement (Fourth) of the Foreign relations Law of the United States* (2018). Her curriculum vitae is enclosed.

The United States would deeply appreciate the valuable support of Member States to elect Professor Cleveland and will seek opportunities for her to meet bilaterally with delegations. To meet with Professor Cleveland, or for any inquiries related to this candidature, please contact Elections Officer, Mr. Dan Fogarty (FogartyDJ@state.gov; 917.776.3101).

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure: As stated.



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